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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION
OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

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1400 [redacted] Washington, 18 May 1949

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Present: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State
Lt. Col. H. C. Bonawits, Department of Air
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army
Mr. James P. McCusker, Department of Navy

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Consultants: [redacted]

Observer: [redacted]

1. Yugoslavia Periodicals

The inter-service stockpile agreement on Yugoslavian publications was discussed and it was determined that:

- a. The spirit of the agreement is not being operationally carried out.
- b. There is no exploitation of such documents in Washington other than that being provided by FDB.
- c. Some publications ordered by the agencies and specifically purchased by them cannot be made available to FDB for exploitation.

Alternative procurement methods to assure full coverage for FDB exploitation were proposed as follows:

- a. That the attaches be requested to purchase two copies of each selected item (one copy for FDB).
- b. The officer having the responsibility for coordination of the program, see that the Embassy enters duplicate subscriptions for all items selected by the services for their exclusive use, with each agency sharing the cost on a pro-rated basis.

Members were requested to determine the desires of their respective services on these points for the next meeting.

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As in all areas, spot news is extracted and reported at the Embassy. In addition, the Embassy extracts certain items of a political or international relations character. Exploitation of other items is now provided by FDB. Members will determine whether their agencies feel that this exploitation meets their needs, whether existing requirements on Yugoslavian press are adequate or whether new requirements should be drafted.

3. Germany - Soviet Zone

Department of State is now covering these papers and periodicals for their own needs in political and economic information but there is no dissemination. Few titles are received. These documents are also exploited in Berlin for Voice of America.

Army and Navy rely on their joint facilities in Berlin which produce finished estimates and studies from all available basic information. Air similarly relies on that service and the collated reports of USAFE at Wiesbaden. Extent of press and periodical coverage was not known.

In view of the fact that receipts of these documents constitute but a small percentage of the published material available in Soviet Zone, all members will determine the extent of press and periodical exploitation in Germany and whether the services feel that further collection and exploitation in Washington is necessary and desirable. They will also determine whether it is desired that similar coverage be given to the German press in the Western Zones in anticipation of probable political developments which might curtail present coverage in Germany.

4. Austria - Soviet Zone

Similar conditions are applicable as to Soviet Zone of Germany. Present exploitation in the field the needs of IAC Agencies for coverage will be determined by the members.

5. Soviet Books

The Committee was informed that FDB can now screen the Soviet books of common interest being received by the IAC Agencies and make available to them selected abstracts of this material. The IAC Agencies will turn over to FDB Russian books received by them, for the purpose of such abstracting. It was decided that the format for such abstract reports will be studied during the week so that the reports will best serve all IAC interests.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10⁰⁰ P.~~**SECRET**~~~~**CONFIDENTIAL**~~

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7. Agenda for the next meeting, 14~~th~~, 23 May 1949,
 Washington, follows:

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A. Reports and decisions on unfinished business.

B. Ensuing meetings will take up the remaining Satellites in the following order as quickly as possible: Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania.

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